

c) a software interface for ~~preventing~~ comparing the acquired biometric signal to a collection of authorized signals to determine if the individual controlling the computer input device is authorized to access to a software application by unauthorized users.

2. (Currently Amended) A method for preventing access to a software application the method comprising the steps of: (a) obtaining a base[]line biometric signal from an authorized user; (b) obtaining through a biometric acquisition module located in a computer input device a current biometric signal from the current user attempting to access the software ~~individual controlling the computer input device to obtain access to software;~~ (c) comparing the current biometric signal with the baseline biometric signal to determine whether the user is authorized to access the software; and (d) allowing access to the software if the comparison reveals that the current user is authorized to access the software.

3. (Currently Amended) A method for providing security to a network of computers, the method comprising of steps of (a) obtaining base[ ]line biometric signals for all authorized users of a network; (b) providing a biometric acquisition device in a computer input device operated by the hand of a user at the location of each of the authorized users; (c) obtaining a current biometric signal through the computer input device from an individual attempting to access the network; (d) comparing the current biometric signal with the stored baseline biometric signal to determine whether the current user is authorized to access the network; and (e) allowing access to the network if the user is authorized.